

The Glover House  
Saint Mary's Cemetery  
Bellmawr Avenue  
Bellmawr, Camden County, New Jersey

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Owner: Saint Mary's Church, Gloucester

Date of Erection: Oldest section early eighteenth  
century, later section 1764

Architect:

Builder: Older section probably John Hugg, later  
unit William Harrison

Present Condition: Good

Number of Stories: Older unit two stories; later  
section two and one-half stories

Materials of Construction: Foundation - stone

Exterior walls - brick,  
Flemish bond on front

Interior walls - plaster

Inside brick chimneys

Roof - gambrel on the older  
section, extended at break  
in the rear for recent addi-  
tion, pitch on later part

Historical Data:

The earliest record of the property upon which  
this house is built is to be found in two wills of John  
Hugg - one dated December 20, 1706 and the other February

7, 1722. The latter will, apparently, makes the first one void. In the will of 1722 it is mentioned that John Hugg acquired the property from Joseph Pigeon, and he bequeathed it to his sons Elias and John. In the same will two houses are mentioned as being on the property. At this time, it contained five hundred acres more or less. The two sons sold in 1741 to William Buckley, a merchant, of Bristol. Buckley sold in 1758 to Samuel Harrison of Gloucester; the consideration was three hundred pounds. The tract at this time was described as four hundred acres more or less. Buckley in the meantime having sold off a little over one hundred acres. From Samuel Harrison, the property came into the possession of Joseph Harrison by deed of December 1, 1756. By will dated April 19, 1761, the property came into the possession of William Harrison. The property is described as having been devised to William Harrison by will of his father William Harrison; apparently, there was a transaction between Joseph Harrison and William which is not recorded. The date 1764 appears on the west gable of what is now the main section of the house. This indicates that William Harrison was the builder of this later unit.

The next possessor was Ephraim Tomlinson, who obtained the property through Thomas Denny, Sheriff. It contained, according to the description at this time, about 287 acres. Tomlinson willed the property in 1808 to his grandson Joseph who sold the tract in 1835, now containing about 119 acres, to Chalkley Glover. The consideration was \$4700.00.

The property remained in the Glover family for eighty-three years, passing from Chalkley to his children, Theodore and Sara B. They sold in 1918 to John G. Scofield; the consideration is not mentioned. Scofield in 1921 for \$41,000.00 sold sixty-three acres, all that remained of the original tract, to Saint Mary's Church, Gloucester.

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at Woodbury by O. F. Benjamin, Camden  
County Office

Search of records at the Secretary of  
State's Office, Trenton, by Robert M.  
Falcey, Mercer County Office

  
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